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(Jammu & Kashmir) in 1994. This suggestion has been made to the Chinese side at various levels, including at meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group (JWG) on the boundary question and its subgroup, the India-China Expert Group of Diplomatic and Military Officials (EG). The Chinese side has responded that our proposals for alternative routes are under consideration in consultation with the local authorities in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR). They have cited difficulties in opening new routes on the grounds that it would involve travel over much longer distances over difficult terrain with poor road conditions and lack of proper infrastructure for accommodation and communications. They have also expressed the view that development of infrastructure in these remote areas would not be an easy task and building facilities for alternative routes could take a long time. It could lead to a substantial escalation in the fee charged from Indian pilgrims (currently frozen at US \$ 500 per pilgrim until the year 200 AD).

TADA detenus

1951. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:

SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of detenus under TADA in Karnataka, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and other States, State-wise; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to review their cases during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and the current year, and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) This information is not being Centrally maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) As per the directions of the Supreme Court, State Review Committees to review cases registered under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA), have been constituted in all States and Union Territories. The State Review Committees of

different States/UTs conduct the review of such cases in the respective States/UTs at regular intervals. The detailed information of such reviews is not maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, the Central Government have been advising from time to time, State Governments and UT Administrations to review these cases and to expedite cases pending investigation and under trial.

Srikrishna Commission Report

1952. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has directed the Centre to clarify its stand on the Srikrishna Commission Report while expressing distress over the remarks of some Cabinet Minister on the Maharashtra Government's decision to prosecute Shiv Sena Chief for his alleged complicity in the 1993 Mumbai riots; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In compliance with the Order dated 21.7.2000 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Union Government will file the necessary affidavit within the six weeks time granted by the Hon'ble Court.

Investment in Non-conventional Energy Sources

1953. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to finalise a new renewable energy policy in order to boost the production of power from non-conventional energy sources;

(b) what is the country's production of power from these sources at present;